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Intergovernmental Group of Experts
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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

It is suggested that the Intergovernmental Group of Experts may wish to elect a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

At its first session, in January 1993, the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation agreed to recommend a meeting of an intergovernmental group of experts to discuss the substantive item set out in item 3 below. (cf. report of the Standing Committee on its first session (TD/B/39(2)/13 - TD/B/CN.2/5), para. 146). Accordingly, the secretariat has prepared the provisional agenda in section I above.

The Intergovernmental Group has available to it five working days, from 24 to 28 January 1994. Time would need to be set aside for the preparation of the draft report to be adopted on Friday, 28 January.

Item 3: Exchange of experiences on poverty reduction impacts of social funds and safety nets, including mobilization of domestic and external resources for poverty alleviation

To assist the Intergovernmental Group of Experts in its work on this item, which also figures on the provisional agenda for the second session of the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation, the secretariat has prepared a note (TD/B/CN.2/GE.1/2) setting out the main policy issues which it has identified. In addition, the secretariat will make available three background papers relating to the sub-items (a), (b) and (c), as follows:

UNCTAD/PA/2 - Recent developments in social funds and safety nets

UNCTAD/PA/3 - Mobilization of domestic resources for poverty alleviation

UNCTAD/PA/4 - Mobilization of external resources for poverty alleviation.

The secretariat believes that the objectives of the meeting would be best served by a spontaneous exchange of views among the experts of all countries in an informal setting, and by a joint effort to draft recommendations on the issues under consideration.

Item 4: Other business

Item 5: Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts to the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation

The Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation, at its first session, requested the Intergovernmental Group of Experts to report to the Committee at its next session scheduled in the first part of 1994. Accordingly, the report of the Intergovernmental Group will be submitted to the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation at its second session, scheduled to take place from 25 to 29 April 1994.